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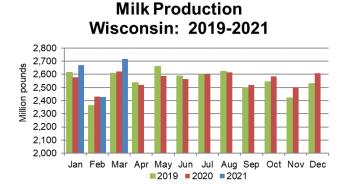
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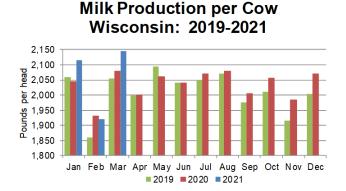
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Milk production in Wisconsin during March 2021 totaled 2.72 billion pounds, up 4% from the previous March, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 1.27 million head, was up 3,000 from last month and 7,000 more than March 2020. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,145 pounds, up 65 pounds from last March.





Milk Cows and Production - Selected States: March 2020 and 2021

State	Milk Cows 1		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	Change from 2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	200	196	2,285	2,260	457	443	-3.1
California	1,722	1,720	2,135	2,170	3,676	3,732	1.5
Colorado	194	203	2,225	2,220	432	451	4.4
Florida	116	108	1,885	1,880	219	203	-7.3
Georgia	82	80	1,990	2,000	163	160	-1.8
Idaho	647	652	2,135	2,135	1,381	1,392	0.8
Illinois	82	83	1,940	1,950	159	162	1.9
Indiana	176	193	2,045	2,050	360	396	10.0
lowa	219	224	2,110	2,115	462	474	2.6
Kansas	171	175	2,050	2,070	351	362	3.1
Michigan	428	442	2,335	2,340	999	1,034	3.5
Minnesota	445	462	1,910	1,980	850	915	7.6
New Mexico	332	333	2,195	2,165	729	721	-1.1
New York	626	626	2,110	2,120	1,321	1,327	0.5
Ohio	253	260	1,900	1,910	481	497	3.3
Oregon	127	125	1,780	1,790	226	224	-0.9
Pennsylvania	485	475	1,870	1,880	907	893	-1.5
South Dakota	129	147	1,960	1,950	253	287	13.4
Texas	590	617	2,180	2,165	1,286	1,336	3.9
Utah	98	95	1,960	1,965	192	187	-2.6
Vermont	124	119	1,870	1,865	232	222	-4.3
Virginia	75	74	1,830	1,815	137	134	-2.2
Washington	280	278	2,070	2,060	580	573	-1.2
Wisconsin	1,260	1,267	2,080	2,145	2,621	2,718	3.7
24-State Total	8,861	8,954	2,085	2,104	18,474	18,843	2.0

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.8 billion pounds, up 2.0% from March 2020. February revised production, at 16.9 billion pounds, was down 1.1% from February 2020. However, production was 2.5% above last year after adjusting for the leap year. The February revision represented an increase of 36 million pounds or 0.2% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,104 pounds for March, 19 pounds above March 2020.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.95 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2020, and 7,000 head more than February 2021.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.7 billion pounds, up 1.0% from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.46 million head, 29,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 80,000 head more than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

